

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A print head cap comprising:

a bottom surface; and

a ring-like lip surrounding the bottom surface like a ring, protruding toward a nozzle surface of a print head of an ink jet printer and being elastically deformable, the ring-like lip to be pressed onto the nozzle surface to cover the nozzle surface therewith;

wherein the ring-like lip has corners that change a direction of surrounding the bottom surface and includes a distal end and a groove that urges the distal end to be deformed in an outer side of the ring-like lip, the groove extending vertically and perpendicular to the bottom surface, and the distal end falling downward to an inside of the groove when a print head cap is pressed onto the nozzle surface; and

the corners are more elastically deformable than other portions of the ring-like lip, and the corners are made thinner than the other portion.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The print head cap according to claim 1,

wherein the other portion includes a plurality of side lips;

at least one of the corners includes a corner lip; and

the corner lip connects the side lips with each other.

4. (Original) The print head cap according to claim 3,

wherein each of the side lips has a front end and is formed into a tapered sectional shape which is smaller in width as a location goes from the bottom surface toward the front end; and

the corner lip has substantially the same height as the side lips and is smaller than the side lips in thickness.

5. (Original) The print head lip according to claim 3,
wherein the ring-like lip is formed into a rectangular shape; and
the side lips include a pair of linear side lips on long sides and a pair of linear side lips on short sides.

6-9: (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A print head cap comprising:
a bottom surface; and
a ring-like lip surrounding the bottom surface like a ring, protruding toward a nozzle surface of a print head of an ink jet printer and being elastically deformable, the ring-like lip to be pressed onto the nozzle surface to cover the nozzle surface therewith;

wherein the ring-like lip has corners that change a direction of surrounding the bottom surface and includes a distal end and a groove that urges the distal end to be deformed in an outer side of the ring-like lip, the groove extending vertically and perpendicular to the bottom surface; and

the corners are more elastically deformable than other portions of the ring-like lip, and the corners are made thinner than the other portion.

11. (Canceled)